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50X1 A. Mobilization and Demobilization

50X1 Pre-Induction Medical Examinations

1.

50X1 about 10 male members of the class of 1934 reported to the voyen-
50X1 komat and then all were sent to Penza (N 53-12, E 45-01) where
about 400 male inductees had gathered. of no rejections
or deferments of draft-eligible men.

Pre-Induction Training

2. the Lunino
50X1 Voyenkomat summoned a large number of other members of
50X1 the class, to participate in the following training under the
supervision of a captain from the voyenkomat and a civilian physical
instructor:
- a. During winter 1952, the group had to cover a 10 km stretch on skis.
- b. During summer 1953, the group was summoned a third time to run
an obstacle course carrying a wooden rifle; this included throwing
three wooden dummy grenades and broad-jumping.

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- c. During summer 1953, the group was required to participate in a mass swimming exercise.

Shipment of Inductees to Duty Stations

3. [redacted] a group of approximately 200 men out of the above-mentioned 400 were shipped out for assignment to the border guard troops. They were not told about their assignment until they reached the USSR-Iran border at Goradiz (N 39-27, E 47-13) although they had tried to find out about it enroute from the officers and NCOs who escorted the shipment. However, from the appearance of the uniforms worn by escorting personnel, they believed they were being assigned to the border guard troops.

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6. From Penza, [redacted] group of 200 men traveled in three large four-axle freight cars equipped with two-deck wooden plank beds. The rest of the train, which also consisted of freight cars, was loaded with inductees. Food was prepared in two or three kitchens in other freight cars and the troops were fed during train stops; at these times, they could also relieve themselves. From Baladzhary, [redacted] new group of 350 inductees were loaded into passenger cars.

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7. [redacted] one of the soldiers in [redacted] basic training group at the 42d Border Guard Otryad, a member of the 1931 class who had traveled [redacted] from Penza to the border, was taken out of basic training and sent to Alma Ata to act as a chauffeur.

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Year Classes

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8. [redacted] the 3rd Border Guard Zastava of the 42d Border Guard Otryad, had three officers, three sergeants, two PFCs, and 25 privates. [redacted] in the case of border guard troops, unit strength apparently depended on the terrain or the border sector guarded by the unit. In mountainous terrain, a zastava had more personnel - up to 50 officers and EM. [redacted] a soldier in the 1st Border Guard Zastava [redacted] had 50 men because it was located in a swampy area. In [redacted] zastava, there were two members of the 1934 class and six members (including three sergeants) of the 1931 class. The remaining 22 unit members were from the 1932 and 1933 classes.

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b. Other

9. [redacted] two men in [redacted] Lunino, both of whom were members of the 1933 class, [redacted] were sent to Kaliningrad (Koenigsberg)

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50X1 in fall 1952; one of these men became a tank driver in an unidentified
 50X1 Soviet Army armored unit. [redacted] a lieutenant, the son
 50X1 of a fellow railroad worker, [redacted] was a member of the 1927 class and
 50X1 was serving with the Soviet occupation forces in Germany. [redacted]
 50X1 [redacted]
 50X1 [redacted]

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Demobilization

10.

50X1 [redacted] two guards of the 1930 class were demobilized. They
 50X1 had been due for demobilization [redacted] but had been held in
 50X1 military service for an additional 10 months. [redacted]
 50X1 this was known as being held back by class (po prizivy). It was
 50X1 commonly accepted among border guards that, "if "circumstances war-
 50X1 ranted it" (po obstanovke), border guard otryady could hold back
 conscripts for three months while border guard districts could hold
 conscripts back for six months. Thus, individuals retained in the
 50X1 service were those that held key jobs. [redacted] had not heard of any
 50X1 persons held back for other reasons. [redacted] members of the
 50X1 1931 and 1932 classes were due for release [redacted] but
 50X1 had no information about members of classes finishing duty in the
 Soviet Zone of Germany or other areas.

Demobilization Prior to End of Tour of Duty

11.

50X1 [redacted] the 3d Border Guard Zastava, one junior
 50X1 sergeant, a member of the 1933 class, was demobilized [redacted]
 50X1 because of a kidney disease. [redacted] one private, a member of
 50X1 the 1934 class who had arrived at the basic training group [redacted]
 50X1 was transferred out of the 3d Border Guard Zastava because he con-
 50X1 stantly cried and complained that his mother was all alone. [redacted]
 50X1 did not know where the private was sent but presumed that he was
 simply transferred into an army unit away from the border. Both of
 50X1 the above men were replaced by two border guard soldiers from a
 unit unknown [redacted] possibly from the Nakhichevan border area.
 One border guard private from Azerbaydzhan, a cook whose work was
 unsatisfactory, was transferred from the 3d Border Guard Zastava to
 the 1st Komendatura. The case of the soldier transferred for crying
 50X1 and worrying about his mother may be interpreted as a transfer
 because of political unreliability. [redacted] no information on
 the return of personnel to the interior of the USSR for disciplinary,
 punitive, or other reasons.

Reserve Service

12.

50X1 [redacted] after demobilization, all
 50X1 border guard personnel would be compelled to stay "in the reserve".
 However, [redacted] no information on specific reserve units,
 50X1 length of service in the reserve, recall of reservists to active
 duty, or reserve training.

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Transfer of Personnel to Schools

13.

50X1 [redacted] about 35 members
 50X1 of [redacted] basic training group of 350 men, all members of the 1934
 50X1 class, were selected after one month of basic training to be sent
 50X1 to the border guard NCO school at Dzhebrail (N 39-23, E 47-02). 1
 50X1 Apparently, these men were selected on the basis of education; [redacted]
 50X1 [redacted] all those selected had completed five years of schooling
 and were not sent to the NCO school against their will.

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Compassionate Leaves

14. Border guard regulations provided that troops could be granted ten-day compassionate leaves exclusive of travel time. These leaves could only be granted by the border guard otryad commander. [redacted] did not know of any specific cases when these leaves were granted, but men [redacted] were told that they could be granted for reasons such as a sick mother, a father's death, or a home which had burned down.

Replacement of Personnel

15. The two replacements mentioned above joined [redacted] unit about one month after the junior sergeant and the border guard private had left the unit. [redacted] no knowledge of border guard or Soviet Army replacement procedures; [redacted] however, [redacted] in the 1st Komendatura of the 42d Border Guard Otryad the 8th Border Guard Zastava was designated as the reserve zastava.

B. Labor Service

16. [redacted] did not know who was responsible for securing labor service personnel but according to law graduates of factory work schools were supposed to work for four years after graduation in the factory. During that four year period, they remained registered with the voyenkomat but could not be drafted. After this, they were usually called into military service. [redacted]

17. [redacted] did not know how many men legally liable for military service were actually inducted nor [redacted] the proportion of males to females called for labor service. However, there were more women than men at the factory [redacted] as a stone mason. On the railroad, the proportion of males to females was about five to two. On the collective farm [redacted] there were primarily women workers and very few men - mostly teen-age boys.

C. Utilization of Women in the Soviet Army

18. The only woman [redacted] serving in a military unit, was a female major who [redacted] was a medical border guard officer. She worked at the 42d Border Guard Otryad [redacted] and performed the tasks of a doctor.

D. Military District

19. [redacted] Azerbaijan Border Guard District, Leningrad Military District, and Moscow Military District. [redacted] did not know how many military districts existed in the USSR and had never heard of military districts designated as either Gorkiy or Voronezh.

E. Military Education in Civilian Schools

20. [redacted] students in the seventh class underwent compulsory training and target practice with small caliber rifles; however, [redacted] no further details of any other form of para-military training.

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F. Officer Personnel Cuts

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21. [redacted] a rumor that the total border guard officer strength
50X1 would possibly be curtailed. [redacted] this would not
50X1 affect the zastava level where the T/O & E only provided for three
50X1 officers but that it might affect komendatury and otryads. [redacted]
[redacted] there were many superfluous officers at these
levels.

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